

a length of time had had the possession of them, and who were devoted to Austria.

After some days of negotiation I obtained the suppression: of these offices, and their union with the post-office of the Grand Due de Berg (Murat), who thus received letters from Italy, Hungary, Germany, Poland, part of Russia, and the letters from England for these countries.

The affair of the post-offices gained for me the approbation of Napoleon. He expressed his satisfaction through the medium of a letter I received from Duroc, who at the same time recommended me to continue informing the Emperor of all that was doing in Germany with relation to the plans of the Confederation of the North. I therefore despatched to the Minister for Foreign Affairs a detailed letter, announcing that Baron Grote, the Prussian Minister at Hamburg, had set off on a visit to Bremen and Lülbeck. Among those who accompanied him on this excursion was a person wholly devoted to me: and I knew that Baron Grote's object was to offer to these towns verbal propositions for their union with the Confederation of the North, which the King of Prussia wished to form as a counterpoise to the Confederation of the Rhine, just created by Napoleon..¹ Baron Grote observed the strictest

¹ In July, 1806, after Austerlitz, Napoleon had formed the "Confederation du Rhin," to include the smaller States of Germany, who threw off all connection with the German Empire, and formed a Confederation furnishing a considerable army. It eventually included the following States, with contingents as stated opposite each. The Princes against whom 110 figures are given furnished altogether 4000 men.

PROTECTOR. — Napoleon, 200,000.

PRESIDENT of the Diet and of the College of Kings. — The Prince Primate, Karl von Dalberg, formerly Archbishop of Mayence, then Archbishop of Regensburg, now Grand Duke of Frankfurt (2800, as below)

KINGS, sitting in the College of Kings with the Grand Dukes. — Bavaria 30,000; Saxony, 20,000; Westphalia, 26,000; Wiirtemberg 12,000.

GRAND DUKES, sitting in the College of Kings. — Baden, 8000; Berg el Cleves, 5000; Frankfurt, 2800; Hesse-Darmstadt, 4000; Warsaw, 30,000; Wurzburg, 2000.

DUKES, sitting in the College of Princes under the presidency of the Duke of Nassau (Nassau-Weilburg). — Anhalt-Bernburg, Anhalt-Cöthen, Anhalt-Dessau, 800; D'Arenberg, Mecklenburg-Schwefin, contingent not given; Mecklenburg-Strelitz, contingent not given; Nassau-Weilburg Oldenburg; Saxe-Coburg, Saxe-Gotha, Saxe-Hildburghausen, Saxe-Meiningen, Saxe-Weimar, 2800.

PRINCES, sitting in the College of Princes with the Dukes: Hohenzollern-Hechingen, Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen, Isenburg-Birstein, Leycn, Lichtenstein; Lippe-Detmold; Lippe-Schaumburg, 650; Nassau-Weil-